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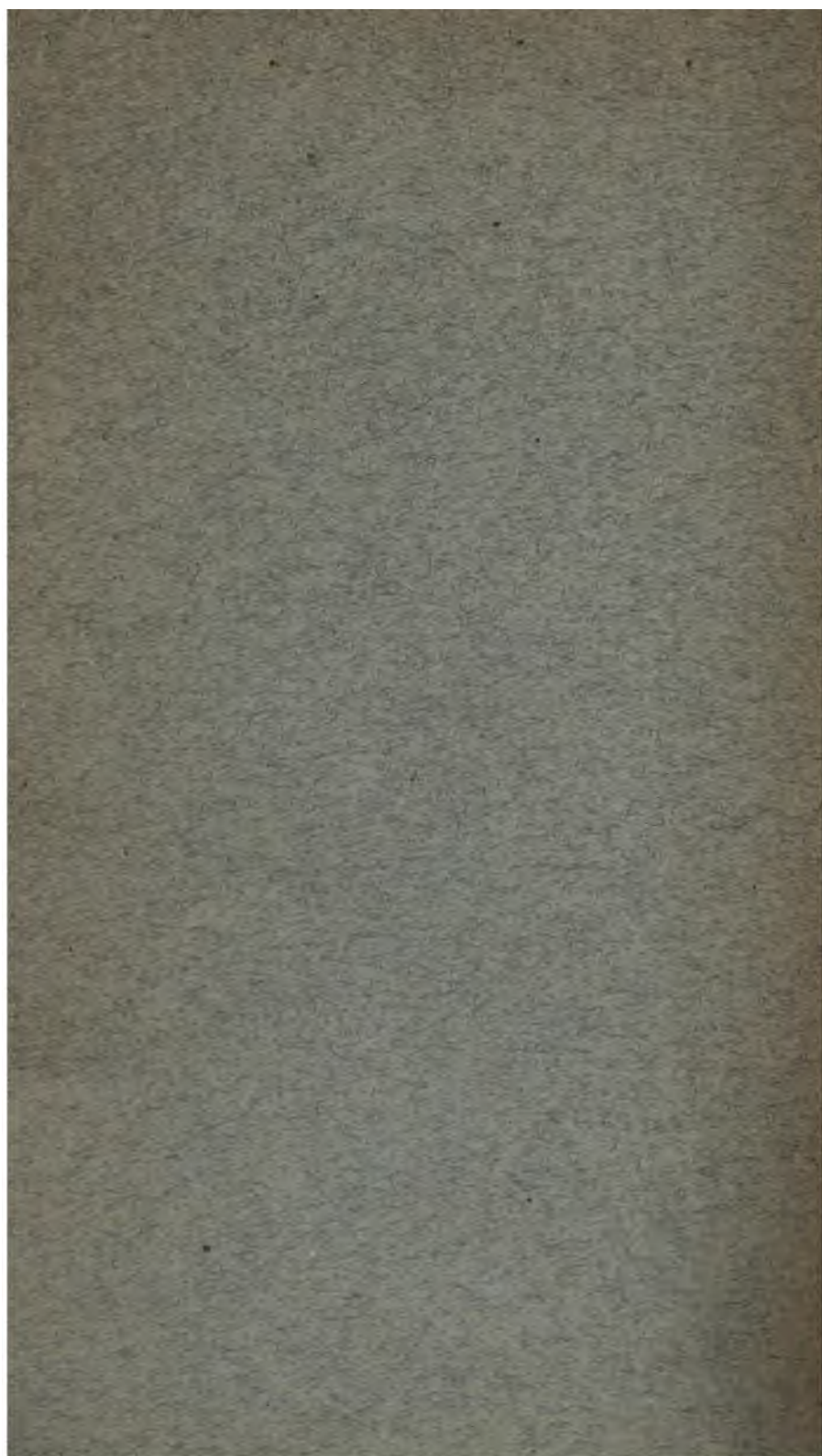
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SKETCHES OF MAN

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"AS HE IS"

CONNECTED WITH PAST AND PRESENT

MODES OF EDUCATION.

—○○○○○○○○○○—
By JAMES LOVELL.

A FREE CITIZEN. }

—○○○○○○○○○○—
"There is a *set* time for *all* things."

So say POETS whether grave or gay.

BOSTON :

Printed for the AUTHOR.

—○○—
1808.

† See his Preface page ii. line 16.

P R E F A C E.



MANKIND are white or black or variegated.

No Primate of england or Priest of the united states, who preaches (fractional or universal, partial or impartial) salvation, can slyly write more in favor of original sin than the Author, to whom I have dedicated this little book, has manfully written against enslaving any of those who are all alike in the "natural pursuit after Happiness." Yet some part of the people in Massachusetts, may religiously consummate marriage, and soon after find it to be "null and void" by civil authority. See section 7 for orderly celebration.†*

It seems reasonable that the vile craft of preaching original sin, and the vile trade of enslaving our species, should be alike limited by boasting Freemen.

Party spirit has prevented equally the political friends and foes of Mr. Jefferson from affording to him, as an Author, the smallest light or advice to his "probable" Question about the emancipation of Blacks.

Quere xiv, page 204. line 8.

The Doctrine of original sin and the practice of slave-making, are taken from the Fables of some wand-

* See the xviii Quere in whole.

† This was like ordering our white Deities not to eat a sallad of skunk-cabbage at a wedding or any other religious supper.

P R E F A C E.

ering hebrew Tribe ; and were solemnly brought both together by our ancestors into this "howling wilderness :" As was also the intoxicating idea of a white OMNIPOTENCE. And our legislative "two thirds," who are commissioned to make "all good and wholesome laws," can seize and emancipate 7-12ths or the "surpluss" of any number of Blacks (who may happen to be found, at the year's end, upon devoted plantations) as righteously as they have seized the like fractions† or surplus§ of Cents from some devoted pockets. They cannot indeed find the competent authority in any "modern bill of rights :"[‡] It must be filched from the records of invisible Justice. Luke xvii. 10. Where all, even the best are "unprofitable servants."

Thus, "We the people" are educated !!!

And thus We, consequently "govern OURSELVES."
Huzza ! but not Amen.

† Mass. June 21, 1785. Naval Office or Officer.
§ U. S. Apr. 30, 1802. to amend a law for "establishing"



FOR THE BOSTON GAZETTE.

YOUR Gazette is well established by intrinsic good qualities as a mercantile Intelligencer ; and it has thereby obtained a valuable degree of more permanent Independence than other Boston newspapers, wholly or chiefly political partizans and mutual opponents.—Yours, in fact, like every individual one which has come under my eye from any part of the United States, is both religiously and politically *sectarian*. But, in judging “by its fruits” I mistake you as Editors, or you have certainly more regard for *measures* than for men.

I wish, therefore, to enjoy, occasionally, a share in the liberty of your press, for spreading some novel “SKETCHES OF MAN,” as he is connected with past and present modes of *education* : Whereby, the true “ORIGIN” of *evil-government*, and the sole cause of the dilatory “progress” towards the *best* government will become evident to the general sense of that valuable mass of society, which, by *all* fiery partizans on *both* our contending sides, is marked out by the words “the good people of these United States.”

The *short-measure* of my periodical-sketches will be peculiarly adapted to your convenience and my own, and will not hinder that “variety” which is expected to be found in your publications, nor weary the curiosity of your judicious customers.

Your ALI KHAN displays very *polished* subjects, which ought perhaps to have been first exhibited in their *rudest* state. It is not *always* a matter of indifference at which of *two* ends we begin to measure or to estimate the works of NATURE, or the contrivances of MAN.

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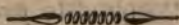
The democratic-enthusiasm of the Chronicle, and the federal-enthusiasm of the Centinel, have proved alike unpropitious to *my* desires, which will openly discover me to Massachusetts as a democratic-republican, and to the United States as a republican federalist; and, to BOTH shall I be known "by my fruits" as a subject of LAW, whilst I go to the full and fair extreme of the LIBERTY of the Press.

I will decently wait for some public notice from you, in your own free manner, respecting this application.

I am gentlemen, your friend as well as fellow citizen.

June 20, 1803.

JAMES LOVELL.



OF MAN AND HIS EDUCATION—No. I.

"Snatch from his hand the Balance" and be judge.

WISE King Solomon and witty Jos. Miller, both died too soon. The former should have stuck to his throne until the christian year 1440, that he might have seen a something "new under the sun;" and the latter should have kept on, pen in hand, until July 3d, 1782, that he might have seen the finishing point of an *old-joke*; and might, previously, have encreased his *one* volume of "Jests" to a number equal to those, upon all subjects, now in the library of our Mother Harvard, namely, 13,000.

"Read history," say politicians. "Search the scriptures," say theologians. Thus both Sects recommend TRUTH:—But, one of them directs our search by a line of FACTS, and the other, by a line of MYSTERIES.

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Both the Sects have been TYRANTS at times ; or else how came such a thing as a *Bill of Rights* to be invented for our social security ? The answer to this question will be very easy, when I have clearly shown the *Origin of Evil*.—Some of both Clergy and Laity have attempted to find that Origin and have failed, because it was situated beyond a Jordan or a Rubicon, or some other river, which the Clergy were not *willing* to pass like Birds, nor the Laity like Fishes : It may nevertheless be found without the aid of Wings or Fins, and shall be pointed out, in plain language, to the oldest Politician and to the youngest Theologian, with equal precision, in the course of my Sketches. And lest I should seem now to promise too much, I propose a question for the calm meditation of “ all sorts and conditions of men ”—for whose happiness we have long, very long been “ bound to *pray*.”

Quere—If the Almighty had chosen to *rest* just before he made MAN, who or what would have invented the seventh or *sabbath*-day, and the arts of *writing* and *printing* ?

July 4th, 1803.



OF MAN AND HIS EDUCATION—No. II.

ALL created things are fitted for action and reaction ; and numerous portions of them have a *language* of joy and sorrow.

Attraction, magnetism, electricity, galvanism, and all the other sorts of *sex*, instituted by GOD, are good, tho’ “ made out of Nothing : ” Whilst all the various associations instituted by MAN, are both good *and* evil tho’ known to be made out of “ Something.”

Birds, Beasts, and many other Kinds, have throats and mouths for regulating sounds ; but it is not yet pretended, that they have any *artificial* grammar. : Without this and Rhetoric, language must remain to be only *significant*, but cannot be *various* enough for Poetry,
nor

nor *mysterious* enough for Theology. We all know clearly, that their chirp or bleat, their cry and roar are as *natural* as our sighs or murmurs, our AMEN and HUZZA. I have, therefore, seriously concluded, that the origin of *evil* is in the artifice of the WORD itself. For as appetite prompts to the exercise of all the natural powers of acquiring Enjoyments, why should not hunger or thirst be *good*, like meat or drink?—Why should not night be good like day?

GOD's way of working is by a *single* rule, called Nature, and produces Harmony: But the thoughts, words and deeds of Man, being directed by a *double* rule, called Contrast, must be *balanced*, or else they produce nothing but DISCORD.

MAN has often attempted to treat about Light and Darkness by that *double* rule, under the terms of "Day" and of "Night;" and has made very droll work indeed. He has made the Day so very *light*, that even "invisible spirits" are obliged to cover their "eyes" with their "wing" because of the "power of its Majesty." And as to Night, he has made it so very *dark*, as to be "felt," and to retain its "blackness" forever, in one curious large "low-estate," tho' there is a "lake of fire and brimstone" in it of a most astonishing capacity. These "Drolleries" were probably, at first, contrived for the amusement or terror of little children; but they have been "enacted" afterwards, and even lately, by Legislators, not only for full grown *Subjects*, but for *Freemen*, and "sovereign Electors" who are supposed to have given their "Ballots" for *rational* purposes upon election days.

My next number will point accurately to the only two essential religious reformations within the compass of known history; and to the three glorious, but partial Revolutions in civil governments, specially interesting to my fellow citizens, since the custom of dating by Anno Domini.

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OF MAN AND HIS EDUCATION—No. III.

IT is not now possible to decide how language began ; but we may guess, that it was begotten by Surprise, and nursed by Fancy : The RECORDS of it are very various, being *Hand-marks* scratched, cut, stained, &c. &c. Man has always thought, spoken and acted, in *some* measure, naturally, but the *Regulation* of that measure has been usurped or granted willingly. Politicians and Divines have *thus* undertaken to educate us : Why should not both of them use one and the same Word, for one and the same Thing ?

Records are said to discover our RELATION to visible, and also invisible Beings ; but, from the different arts of our teachers, have come Politics and Divinity, Law and Gospel, History and Scripture, with many other such contrasted *Duplicities*. Those Teachers have also jointly or separately and alternately governed the Pen and the Prefs by the Sword : So that “ fighting GOD’s battles ” has seemed to be “ the chief end of Man,” from the times of “ meek ” Moses and the “ lowly ” Jesus almost up to these “ latter days.”—Wherever Man is allowed to own honestly and openly that he is fighting his *own* battles, he will have nothing to consult but his own *feelings*, regulated by his social COMPACTS ; and thus he will easily know when he is to begin any War, and when to end it ; because his *visible* Commander in Chief will inform him.

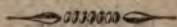
From some very ancient and very cunning Hand-marks, called “ holy scripture,” it has been clearly found, that Mankind were very early led by Ignorance and Cowardice into the RELIGION of burning their own offspring to please or appease an *invisible* Being. At length a Patriarch, wiser than his neighbours, brought into effect the scheme of Circumcision, or snipping off “ the Foreskin ” to answer the full purpose

pose of burning the whole child:—A very happy “Reformation” indeed! Thus the “true” Religion went on more than 1900 years, until a second and compleat Reformation was proposed by the reputed Son of that same *invisible* Being to whom the sacrifice of the Fore-skin had been so long ago “acceptable.” This Teacher instructed his scholars to “enter into a closet and shut the door,” and there speak freely to his father, as *their* father; and assured them of success to their wishes. Here ought to have ended all *religious* Revolutions, or more properly, *changes*. As to those of *civil* Governments, *three* only are specially interesting to my Fellow-Citizens in Massachusetts.

The first was from the immediate Rule of a double-headed hereditary monarchy to a chartered inferiority; The second was from that charter to an independent state sovereignty leagued with other neighbouring equals; and the third was from that league to a federal constitution of government, the better to *secure* our state independence by COMPACT.

Some of the *good* people of the United States have perhaps never *dreamed* that the same “Liberty” of the Press, which entitles any one of our learned and pious Clergy to publish “why He *is* a Christian,” equally permits any one of his Fellow-Citizens, who is nothing more than a Layman to publish why He is *only* a religious Man, and *not* a christian.

Such Freedom will be taken in my next number, any enacted threats to the contrary notwithstanding.



August 1st, 1803.

THE EDITORS

TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

From a supposition, that Mr. J. L. was sporting with his pen, we did not so critically examine his pieces, as we ought. We regret the publication of those
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which have appeared, and promise the public they shall taste nothing more from the same fountain. A consideration of Mr. L's. public services, and our respect for him as a Gentleman, first induced us to listen to his solicitations, little suspecting the tendency of his lucubrations, and forgetting that we owed more to the public and ourselves, than to any individual.



OF MAN AND HIS EDUCATION—No. IV.

NOT BEFORE PUBLISHED.

AS I cannot assent to any ideal difference between the Words religion and politicks, greater than between those of mind and body, theory and practice, precept and example, my past, present and future Sketches should all be considered as *wholly* political.

I chose to begin these Sketches upon "independent day" because I meant to be a *bold* volunteer of a "sovereign people" whose cherished propensity it is "to have *no* secrets in government." I therefore now explain my 1st number, by noting *what* wise king Solomon might have seen "new under the sun" in the christian year 1440; viz :—the art of Printing !!!

By that visible contrivance of MAN we may *balance* the enormous power of those invisible KEYS which HE who was called "the Wisdom of God" promised as a legacy to his disciple Peter, who is said to have bequeathed them to POPES; who might "bind and loose" at pleasure, not only the secrets of the Tabernacle of Moses and of the Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, but also of all the Brain-pans of the rest of the whole family of mankind.

The Popes however, finding the tabernacle fastened by "hooks," and the tomb closed only by a "rolling-stone,"

stone," employed the Keys for the third purpose altogether; and locked up nearly *all* human understanding.

Solomon being not only quite a wise King but almost a "Jack at all trades" would readily have comprehended the Power of that novel art, whilst the Inventors bent their minds only to the Profits of it; like most of their fellow-craftsmen in these modern times.

Yes, yes, that Contrivance in 1440 is the shark and elephant, the whale and mammoth of human arts. It can vanquish the Behemoth of prophecy, and the "seven heads and ten horns" of Dreams and Visions.

Poets may now proudly assist this modern political Craft, with celestial colourings and infernal shadowings, *as* their Predecessors assisted servilely the first-rate Craftsmen "in days of yore":—I mean those who chose to be denominated "worms of the dust," and yet fattened themselves *miraculously* into triple crowned TYRANTS.

Even Shakespeare put on a MASK; but WE can peep through it and see his fly-face.

Midsummer Night's Dream, Act V. Scene 1.

As	{	Imagination	{	bodies forth the Forms of
		Revelation		<i>things unknown,</i>
So	{	the Poet's pen	{	turnsthem to shapes & gives
		the Preacher's mouth		to "airy nothing" a local
				HABITATION and a NAME.

OBSERVATION.

THERE were two "*set times*" for changing the Nature of legislation. Daniel Shays and John Fries were brought to "ground their Firelocks," by a *visible* defeat of Insurgency which had risen to "*here*

a great deal and *there* a great deal." Whereupon the *secret* Abettors of these two rebel-angels fought and gained legislative Seats by means of caucus-con-
trivance.

But, although the angels had *well* known General Lincoln and a President General—yet, the ABETTORS were too ignorant to comprehend that a *general* PRINCIPLE was the SOUL of a general Government, a general SALVATION, and a general DAMNATION ; and wilfully kept their hearts devoted to PARTIAL-
ITY, and their ACTS strenuous for making the first to be last, and the last first, according to "God's *holy* word."

Some, who cannot *serve* two Masters, evidently *can* halt and hobble, or elbow and shoulder among in-
dustrious Equals ; after being self-taught "not to kick against the Pricks."



Nota Bene. Omnipotence is masked by Omniscience.

He who cursed the first Adam knew his *own* intentions to
blefs the second with universal Dominion.

They who *doomed* only *some* Collectors Naval Officers
and Surveyors knew and *saw* clearly that any future Embar-
go could *not* affect those in the *largest* Ports.

The Executive only *proclaims* what WE omniscients *ordain*.

Post Nota Bene. This little body being only an itinerant to
"prepare the way for a greater ;" there will be a blazing
Apocalypse at the tail of the "Anatomy of Tyranny†" long
ago dedicated and *ready* for the press ; soon to be printed ;
and some few of the prints left in places where they will be
"freely given" in the modern sense of that phrase.

† See June 12, 19, July 3, 1806, in the independent Chronicle
which is not yet ripened into "imperial" by the warmth of
Caucus-patronage.



